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Applicants: Lawrence Howell SAWYER, et al.

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Title: THIN, HIGH CAPACITY ABSORBENT
STRUCTURE AND METHOD FOR
PRODUCING SAME

Customer No. 35844

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Examiner: C. Anderson

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 20 April 2004, please consider the pending claims in the above-identified patent application in view of the following remarks:

Listing of Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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